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Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the G-8 statement on the Korean peninsula, which was adopted at the Kyushu-Okinawa Summit Meeting, held in Okinawa, Japan, from 21 to 23 July 2000.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under item 74 (h) of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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G-8 statement on the Korean peninsula

Okinawa, 21 July 2000

We warmly welcome the Summit Meeting between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, held in Pyongyang from 13 to 15 June 2000 and underline the historic importance of this meeting. We fully support the positive developments set in train by the meeting and encourage the South-North dialogue to continue and advance further. We sincerely hope that such a process, including the faithful implementation of the South-North Joint Declaration, will usher in a new era in inter-Korean relations and reduce the tensions in the Korean peninsula.

We strongly support all efforts by the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reduce tension and establish lasting peace on the Korean peninsula that contribute to stability in north-east Asia. We reiterate also our strong support for the Republic of Korea's engagement policy, which is contributing to positive developments. We welcome the constructive attitude shown by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take note of the reconfirmation of its moratorium on missile-launch as a positive step. We call on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to continue such efforts. In this context, we look forward to a constructive response to international concerns over security, non-proliferation, humanitarian and human rights issues.